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Subject: Ameren power plant at Labadie

Hi.

My name is Nancy Campbell. I live in Ameren's shadow. Our property borders the plant and my home is less than a mile from that border.

Recently, I heard one of our government officials speaking on KLPW about emissions from the plant, how if Ameren didn't act to clean up the air, there would doubtless be litigation against them. Whoever this man was implied that litigation would be a waste of money and of time. (I think it was Mr. Luetkemeyer, but I tuned in late, so I'm not certain. All I know is that he was an elected official.) He really came across as being on the side of Ameren, a company that pollutes without a second thought.

I say this because I believe he was poorly coached prior for his appearance on this radio show. He stated, (and please forgive me for paraphrasing) that the air we breathe out is far more toxic than the pollutants that are a byproduct of burning coal. CO₂ vs SO₂.

My opinion on this is that dead is dead. If you put a bag over your head and fill it with either gas, you're dead. The difference is that CO₂ is converted to carbon and oxygen by plants. SO₂ is not. So SO₂ just hangs in the air we breathe. In effect, the bag IS over our heads and we are breathing this poison along with CO₂ that has been converted to life sustaining oxygen. So which polluter is worse?

On a personal note, there was a time when the air quality outside my home was so poor that I literally covered my face with my shirt while I made my way as quickly as possible into my house where the air was cleaner. There was only one time that the air quality was that poor (that I noticed) but numerous times that stench has hung in the air.

Ameren needs to be monitored closely and not self-monitored. The company has made it on to a list of air polluters who need to be monitored.

I need your help. My family farm, where I reside, has been in existence for over a century. I am now the steward. Clean air is everyone's responsibility. Some people take it more seriously than others.

Please help. Designate this area as SO₂ non-attainment.

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